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To: Planning Coordinating Committee

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Re: Snapshot Report: Aging

As part of the development of the *GO TO 2040* plan, a series of snapshot reports will be prepared on major issues that need to be addressed in the plan. The purpose of these snapshot reports is to establish linkages between CMAP's policy areas, gather background data, and initiate discussions on major regional issues early in the planning process.

In this snapshot report, CMAP is researching the impact that the aging of our population will have on the region. The research seeks to describe current senior demographics and issues while also identifying major emerging issues that should be considered in the *GO TO 2040* plan. Understanding the effects of this demographic shift and planning to meet the challenges that will be created by this shift will be essential in the development of the long-range plan. In particular, CMAP has examined the growing senior population through several lenses, including transportation, land use and housing, and social and economic issues.

Staff will provide a presentation at the May 14 meeting of the Planning Coordinating Committee of the report's initial findings. Next steps will include conducting additional research based on comments from committees and preparing technical and public reports.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion and comments.

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